

2020 Statement of Intent Mark Havens

Notice

This serves as the formal notice required by §4.6.1(5) of the Dallas Makerspace bylaws regarding my willingness to serve as a member of the Dallas Makerspace Board of Directors for the 2020 term.

Links

- Internal [profile](#)
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Primary Goals

- Unify our community, regardless of past grievances, by means of grace, forgiveness, willful forgetfulness, mutual respect, and an open mind
- Help facilitate a shared vision and purpose during the pandemic by extending Dallas Makerspace's online mission
- Mindfully enable a voice for membership by personally and proactively drawing in all respected and willing influencers within our community, regardless of their past affiliations, and making them a valuable and impactful part of our governance process
- Create regular roundtable discussion groups to facilitate trust and transparency among all engaged members; to enable any member to feel heard and like equals among leadership instead of feeling like subordinates
- Develop a leadership culture that eliminates impropriety while mindful about avoiding all appearances of impropriety
- Further develop a leadership culture that proactively demonstrates and enforces a high standard of civility, respect, and excellence to all members at all times; no exceptions

General DMS Background

- Co-founded Dallas Makerspace in 2010 by facilitating relationships, cooperation, and support from like-minded people
- Bootstrapped our DMS community from a core group of five passionate regular attendees/co-founders
- Developed our present-day Dallas Makerspace business model
- Recruited many founding members of Dallas Makerspace over much food and shared pitchers of beer
- Guaranteed DMS viability by co-signing the lease of our first location on Audelia in 2010
- Proactively cultivated and guided DMS culture by means of example, support, and interpersonal discussion of relevant cultural ideas and philosophy
- Served as a Founding Director of the provisional board until an official board was elected in 2011
- Served as the DMS de facto Secretary until 2011
- Principal officiate of the [sudo leadership pattern](#) until we transitioned to formal leadership in 2011
- Drafted the original bylaws as ratified by DMS membership in 2011
- Provided leadership mentoring to young adults in executive roles throughout my history at DMS

Relevant Formal Qualifications

- Self employed for most of my career as a professional management consultant, IT consultant, and internet entrepreneur
- Managed hundreds of people throughout my career within my own companies, for client companies, and while serving management roles in large corporations
- Served as a director and architect of dozens of multi-million dollar cloud infrastructure projects while at AT&T, with a discretionary spending limit of over 30 million per project
- Designed original online nation-wide billing infrastructure for AT&T's exclusive iPhone release, budgeted at over 300 million
- Conducted multiple formal investigations regarding malfeasance for both executive leadership and middle management of large corporations

Education

- Awarded fellowship to pursue Ph.D. in Computer Science in 2016
- Earned a Master's in Management and Information Security in 2013
- Earned a Bachelor's in Computer Science in 2005

Personal Information

In the interest of total openness, transparency, and trust, I'd like to disclose the following personal information:

- Age: Forty-four
- Marital Status: Married
- Children: Boy of 8; girl of 18 months
- Hometown: Brownsville, Texas
- Religious Affiliation: Southern Baptist
- Political Views: Libertarian
- Most embarrassing hobby: Spent 20k collecting Rubiks Cubes
- Longest played video game: EverQuest; 7 years

Full Disclosure

In 2015, after my ex-wife reported that I was in possession of marijuana, I was formally charged for attempting to make pot brownies. This remains a first-degree felony in the state of Texas. I later agreed to plead guilty to a lesser charge in order to avoid a conviction. The case was later dismissed as part of the plea agreement. Since I was never convicted, I do not legally qualify as a felon.

Electronic Signature

/s/ Mark Havens

Nominated By

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